Bilateral Talks on Indo-Nepal Treaties

1962. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the bilateral talks held so far for having new Treaties on Trade and Transit and Friendship between India and Nepal; and

(b) What decision and action government have taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) After the lapse of the Indo-Nepal Treaties of Trade and of Transit on March 23, 1989, Government have sought with His Majesty's Government of Nepal negotiations for a single unified Treaty of Trade and Transit. The Government of Nepal, however, are seeking two separate Treaties for Trade and for Transit. Consultations on this and other matters are continuing through diplomatic channels. Government feel that both the countries could, with profit, go into the working of the 1950 Treaty with a view to ensuring its proper implementation in letter and in spirit. Government are ready and willing for talks with Nepal on this subject as well as to discuss the entire gamut of Indo-Neapl bilateral relations.

Supreme Court stay regarding teaching of Sanskrit in schools affiliated to Central Boardof Secondary Education

1963. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has recently stayed the clubbing of Sanskrit with Hindi while implementing three language formula in the Schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court of India has passed an interim order on 17-3-89 restraining the Central Board of Secondary Education from implementing its order No. Acad/88/ED(Hum.)/CM dated the 16th September, 1988 in so for as it affects the existing position of Sanskrit.

Interim arrangements for trade between India and Nepal

1964. SHRIMATI SUHDA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleaed to state:

(a) whether any interim steps have been taken by Government to enter into a new agreement with Nepal so that the movement of commodities for trade between the two countries would not remain standstill; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the new agreement entered into or other interim arrangements made for the purpose?